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In re Appln. of: SCOTT T. MOORE ET AL.

Appln. No.: 10/796,215

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For: STENT INTRODUCER APPARATUS

Attorney Docket No: 10000-353 (PA-5377-RFB)

Examiner: Amy T. Lang

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Sir:

Applicant(s) requests continued examination of the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

- Submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (check at least one of the following):
 - Previously submitted:
 - Applicant(s) requests nonentry of any previously-filed unentered amendments.
 - Please enter and consider the Amendment After Final Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
 - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - Other: _____
 - Attached is/are:
 - An Information Disclosure Statement
 - An Amendment to the written description, claims, or drawings
 - New Arguments and/or New Evidence in support of Patentability
 - Other: Preliminary Amendment

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Attorney Docket No. 10000-353
Client Reference No. PA-5377-RFB Request for suspension of action:

Applicant(s) hereby request suspension of action on the above-identified application under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; requires Processing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i)).

 Small Entity Status:

- Applicant hereby asserts entitlement to claim small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.
- A small entity statement or assertion of entitlement to claim small entity status was filed in prior application no. _____ and such status is still proper and desired.
- Is no longer desired.

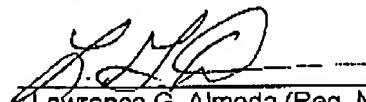
 Applicant(s) calculate the following fees to be due in connection with this Request:

- A Request fee of \$790.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e).
- A suspension processing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).
- An additional filing fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 (_____ additional independent claims and/or _____ additional total claims).
- An extension fee of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a _____-month extension of time.

 Fee payment to cover the above-enumerated fee(s):

- A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$790.00. A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.
- A payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE). A copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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July 25, 2007
Date

Attachment(s): Preliminary Amendment